Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] An exemplary method 10 of creating a rendered multi-layer scene image in accordance with the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the flowcart diagram of Fig. 1. The exemplary method 10 to be described in detail herein features the compositing of two RGB image layers, a background image layer and a foreground image layer. Each of the background and foreground image layers are rendered separately, and may be saved and composited at a later time to form a composition which will appear the same as if it were rendered all at the same time. It should be understood that the present invention may be employed very effectively for the creation of rendered scenes that are composed of more than two RGB image layers. For example, the present invention may be employed effectively to render the foreground image layer for a multi-layer virtual presentation incorporating three-dimensional graphics or animations with a live or pre-recorded two-dimensional video image positioned between foreground and background layers of the three-dimensional image. Such a Virtual Presentation System and Method with which the present invention may be employed is described in U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. ~~09/435,552~~ 6,335,765, filed November 8, 1999, by Richard T. Daly, et al., which ~~application~~ is assigned to the assignee of the present application. Based on the detailed description presented below, a computer programmer of ordinary skill in the art of computer graphics and image processing will be able to implement a layered image rendering method in accordance with the present invention on a conventional computer system.